IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MINISTER KARL T. WELCH, SR.

Sunrise
February 21, 1951

Sunset
August 5, 2004

Service Held
Thursday, August 12, 2004
11:00 a.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 So. 52nd Street
Richmond, California 94804

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

OBITUARY

Minister Karl T. Welch, Sr. was born in Akron, Ohio on February 21, 1951 to the proud parents of Elizabeth Hopson-Welch and Grady Welch, Sr. Minister Welch was raised by his grandmother, Goldie Hopson, who was very instrumental in leading him to Christ. He attended the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age.

He graduated from North High School in Akron, Ohio and later attended college. He later served in the United States Army, and after 3 years, he received an Honorable Discharge.

Minister Karl Welch, Sr. united with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in 1995, where he was a true servant of God. He loved the Lord with all of his heart, mind and soul. Some of the ministries he served in were the Audio Visual Ministry, Sunday School Ministry, Children Ministry Minister, Parking Lot & Grounds Ministry and the Boy Scouts.

On September 20, 1998, Minister Welch met and married his wife of six years, Jacqueline Welch, who he cherished and loved very much.

He accepted his call into the Ministry in May, 2002, and he received a license to preach the gospel on October 20, 2002. He immediately went out into the vineyard to work. His primary goal was to minister to everyone that he came in contact with. He loved and had compassion for all people. He went about doing good, looking on the things of others more than himself. He possessed a "golden smile" which could light up anyone's day. He had a great sense of humor, which made people laugh. He was the "life of the party" wherever he went.

Minister Welch's favorite scripture was John 8:12, "Jesus said, I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Hopson-Welch and his nephew, Marquis Welch. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Jacqueline Welch of Richmond, California; his grandmother, Goldie Hopson; his stepfather, Grady Welch of Akron, Ohio, Sr.; two children: Marlene Welch and Karl Welch, Jr. of Akron, Ohio; 2 step-daughters: Shantina Clark of Richmond, California and Tanisha Ware of North Carolina; 3 sisters: Jacqueline Welch, Rosa Lee (Penny) Welch and Terry Welch of Akron, Ohio; 2 brothers: Grady (Erica) Welch, Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio, Phillip (Cindy) Welch of Warren, Ohio; a sister-in-law: Kim (Keith) Porshe Reed and brother-in-laws: Kenny (Leslie) Cato of Long Beach, CA and Clayton Johnson of Louisiana; three aunts, five uncles, eight grandchildren, four step-grand children, two great grandchildren; his adopted father, James Washington of Richmond, California; his best friend, Pastor Kevin B. Hall of Richmond, California; a good friend, Johnnie Brown of Akron, Ohio and a host of relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude.....*Sis. Willa Gaye Williams*

Processional.....*Clergy and Family*

Scripture.....*Old Testament*.....*Minister Otis Harris*
New Testament.....*Minister Carl Humphrey*

Prayer.....*Minister Alvin Armstrong*

Solo.....*Minister Melvin Williams*

Acknowledgements.....*Sis. Judy McCormies*

Resolutions.....*Sis. Judy McCormies*
Sis. Denise Kimble

Remarks and Expressions.....*2 Minutes Please*

Sis. Jacqueline Welch — *Bro. James Washington*
Sis. Marlene Welch — *Pastor John L. Hall*
Bro. Karl T. Welch, Jr. — *Pastor Gerald A. Criswell*

Solo.....*Sis. Willa Gaye Williams*

Obituary.....*Read Silently*

Solo.....*Minister Cynthia Harris*

Eulogy.....*Dr. Kevin B. Hall*

Parting View.....

Recessional.....

Internment
Mount Peace Cemetery
Akron, Ohio

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Minister Jerald Ford
Minister Ryan Nash
Minister Marvin Saucer
Minister Dwight Williams
Minister Carl Humphrey
Minister Melvin Williams

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Minister J. Odell Whitfield
Minister Phillip McLeod
Bro. Karl T. Welch, Jr.
Bro. James Washington

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The Welch Family would like to thank you for your prayers, kind words of condolences, telephone calls, telegrams, flowers, cards and many expressions of love.

Arrangements Entrusted to
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries
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